

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held at Little Hereford Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 17th July, 2019**

Present: Cllrs L Hyde, S Ingram, K Morgan, W Brick, M Painter, N Monk, A Paterson, D Swain, B Davies, N Hyde, D Hodges

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 3 members of the public.

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** C Sandall, R Barber, P Denbeigh

2 **Declarations of Interest/requests for written dispensations**

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone had met with R Jaffier and P Grosvenor of Highways England, Cllrs S Bowen and V Parry also attended. No letter or correspondence regarding offer of land towards roundabout had been received. HE are currently unable to support the roundabout proposal due both to the estimated cost of £10 million and the injury collisions record. HE claim that the number of injury collisions has dropped substantially over the last 10 years. They have all the figures. They appreciate that this is not the public perception but they have recently studied all the data. They will review the situation again if a letter comes forward from the landowner but they will need a map and detailed proposals. Cllr Parry will speak to the landowner again.

A report is being prepared following the A49 tour and will be forwarded to the Clerk. Concerns were raised about the lack of action regarding signage, these were noted but no explanation was offered. Further signing and lining work to be carried out along the A49 between Shrewsbury and Hereford later in the year. HE advised that the petrol station application is being dealt with by Shropshire Council.

Some repairs to A456 between Easton Court and Easton Cottage have been highlighted, more are due later in the year. A decision regarding whether the Hereford bypass will go ahead is due in the next two weeks.

The next flood group meeting is being held on 8th August at The Roebuck at 6.30pm.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 19/6/19 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

5.2 Review of polling districts, places and stations. Noted, no change to our parishes.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary July £395.63. Agreed.

6.2 PC Laptop. Confirmation of purchase - £438.

6.3 Electronic banking. To be placed on the next agenda.

6.4 Brimfield Village Hall invoice for 2019 meetings - £72. Agreed.

6.5 Damaged window at Middleton Barn, compensation. £105 – half to be paid by Lengthsman. Agreed.

6.6 First quarter accounts for approval. Agreed.

6.7 Orphans Press account for annual website hosting - £180. Agreed.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for June £163.50, (less £52.50 for damaged window). Agreed.

Brambles in Backhouse Lane to be cleared.

Footpath in St Michaels Gate, Brimfield to be cleared. BF48 access and skip to be passed to Locality Steward.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Deployment awaited.

7.3 Footpath / dogs and fouling. Balfour Beatty will not empty litter bins other than those already in place due to lack of resources. PC's can purchase bins but need permission from BB before and proof that a waste contract is in place for disposing of litter. A recent study by HCC with grant funding of £9,050 concluded that placing further bins would not necessarily improve litter/dog fouling. More dog signs are on their way.

8 Planning

8.1 The following planning application had been received:

192169 Sunnydale, Little Hereford. Proposed two storey extension to side/rear, removal of chimney. No objections.

8.2 The following determinations were granted:

190232 Willow Tree Barn, Church Rd, Brimfield. Proposed garden and general purpose room extension.

191457 Four Seasons, Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Proposed demolition of existing (fire damaged) dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.

174666/F Millwood Farm, Lynch Lane, Little Hereford. The Enforcement Officer had advised that this application previously withdrawn has been carried out by the landowner and enforcement action is pending, our comments to this were requested. It was agreed to reply stating that our objections to this application remain and would support this action.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – As discussed in PQT above

8.5 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield. Update/offer of part of land for allotment use. The Clerk had spoken to the landowner who has advised that planning has lapsed at this site. There is a developer interested in developing the land but without the allotments, would the Parish Council be interested in being given the land for this purpose? It was agreed that this was a very generous offer, but that it needs careful consideration before agreeing to this. It was agreed to contact the landowner to ask if the plot of land in question would be in the same place as per the original plan. Confirmation of the ownership of the track giving access to the allotments is also required. Issues such as safety, noise and need in the first instance needs to be confirmed. It was further agreed to place a notice in Grapevine and around the parish to assess need (6 or more residents are required to provide allotments), also stating that an allotment association would need to be set up to run alongside the PC to oversee the day to day running and all it entails.

8.6 18/02439/REM Approval of reserved matters from 15/02324/OUT, vehicular access off A49. A reply to a request to Shropshire planning seeking a date for determination of this application advised that the problem with this application is HE keep issuing 3 month holding letters requesting amendments/additional information. When HE do this it effectively puts the application on hold and the Council are unable to make a decision.

9 **Brimfield Post Office.** The Post Office are considering re-opening for one day a week on Thursday, hours to be the same as the cuppa for added security. Further security measures are also being considered.

10 **Parish Council newsletter.** Cllr Paterson suggested that a newsletter similar to Little Hereford be set up for Brimfield, with the same funding from the Parish Council. A proposal to be put on the next agenda.

11 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 18th September, 2019, 7.30pm at Brimfield.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Sandall has absorbed the costs of printing the recent notices relating to dogs in the Little Hereford newsletter account.

Concerns regarding the state of The Gables property in Brimfield will be forwarded to the Enforcement Officer, as will the state of the property by the village hall.

The Clerk advised that LH Choir has given a £200 donation to Bedlam Charity, and requested that the PC send a letter of thanks to P Burnham, all agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.